

## **REMARKS**

The application includes claims 1-55 prior to entering this amendment.

The examiner allowed claims 1, 4-6, 11-19, 27-39, and 47-55.

The examiner objected to claims 2, 3, 7-10, 20-26, and 40-46.

The applicants amend claims 2, 3, 7, 20, 36, 37 and 40.

The application remains with claims 1-55 after entering this amendment.

The applicants do not add new matter and request reconsideration.

## **Claim Objections**

The examiner objected to claims 2, 3, 7-10, 20-26, and 40-46 for formal matters.

Whereas the applicants do not agree with some or all of the objections of record, the applicants amend claims 2, 3, 7, 20, 36, 37 and 40 as suggested by the examiner in order to expedite prosecution. Claims 2, 3, 7, 20, 36, 37 and 40 are amended for grammatical purposes, and without prejudice with regards to pursuing the claims as previously presented or in other forms in a continuation or other application. The claim amendments are not being made to overcome any cited references, and the applicants neither intend nor believe that these amendments operate to narrow the scope of the claims.

Withdrawal of the objection of claims 2, 3, 7-10, 20-26, and 40-46 is respectfully requested.

## **Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance**

Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

### Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the applicants request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-55. The applicants encourage the examiner to telephone the undersigned if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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